

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-9, 11-48, 50, 51, 53-77, 79-82, 85, 87, and 90 are pending in this application. Claim 85 is amended by the present amendment.

Amendments to Claim 85 find support in the application as originally filed. Thus, no new matter is added.

In the Office Action dated June 2, 2008, Claim 85 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph; and Claims 1, 3-9, 11-48, 50, 51, 53-77, 79-82, 87, and 90 were allowed.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowance of Claims 1, 3-9, 11-48, 50, 51, 53-77, 79-82, 87, and 90. Applicant and Applicant's representative also gratefully acknowledge the courtesy of a personal interview with Examiner Iqbal and Supervisory Patent Examiner Eng on August 26, 2008. During the interview, the rejection of Claim 85 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, was discussed. In particular, it was discussed that the features of pending Claim 85 find support in the specification as originally filed. However, to clearly overcome the rejection, Supervisory Patent Examiner Eng suggested alternative language for the preamble of Claim 85.


Thus, in the interest of compact prosecution, Claim 85 is amended as suggested by Supervisory Patent Examiner Eng, without disclaimer. Therefore, it is respectfully requested the rejection of Claim 85 be withdrawn.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1, 3-9, 11-48, 50, 51, 53-77, 79-82, 85, 87, and 90 are allowable.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment this application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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